

# MONTEREY COUNTY

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September 9, 2015

The Honorable Marla O. Anderson  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
Monterey County Superior Courts  
240 Church Street  
Salinas, CA 93901

**SUBJECT: Response to 2014-2015 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Interim Final Report No. 14 –  
“Integrity of Land Records In Monterey County”**

Dear Judge Anderson:

Attached please find the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Response to 2014-2015 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Interim Final Report No. 14 – “Integrity of Land Records In Monterey County” and the signed Board Order. The Board of Supervisors approved the response on September 1, 2015, which complies with the requirements set forth in Sections 933 and 933.05 of the California Penal Code.

The Board approved response should be deemed and accepted by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Monterey County and the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury as the response of the Board of Supervisors, County Administrative Officer, and appointed department heads.

Sincerely,

Lew C. Bauman  
County Administrative Officer

By: Manuel T. González  
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cc: Lew C. Bauman, County Administrative Officer  
Office of the County Counsel

Attachments: Board of Supervisors Response  
September 1, 2015 Board Order



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### Board Order

Upon motion of Supervisor Potter seconded by Supervisor Armenta and carried by those members present, the Board of Supervisors hereby:

- a. Approved of the response to the 2014- 2015 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Interim Final Report No. 14 regarding Integrity of Land Records in Monterey County; and
- b. Directed the County Administrative Officer to file the approved response with the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, County of Monterey, by September 11, 2015.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2015, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Armenta, Phillips, Salinas, Parker and Potter  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 78 for the meeting on September 1, 2015

Dated: September 3, 2015  
File ID: 15-0965

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

By Denise Hancock  
Deputy



**Monterey County Board of Supervisors**

**Response to the**

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**Interim Final Report No. 14**

**August 25, 2015**

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**RESPONSE BY:** Monterey County Board of Supervisors  
**RESPONSE TO:** Findings R-2, R-3

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**Recommendation 2:** *Monterey County District Attorney's Office pursue an increase for the Real Estate Fraud Trust Fund fee to \$10 per document, if needed, to fund the cost of a forensic examination:*

**Response R-2:** This recommendation will not be implemented. Two years ago, the District Attorney's Office appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request and successfully obtain a \$6 increase for the recording of those documents and instruments specified under Government Code Section 27388. The current fee is \$9. At this time, the District Attorney's Office does not intend to seek an increase to \$10 per document..

**Recommendation 3:** *Monterey County District Attorney's Office, in cooperation with the Monterey County Recorder's Office, immediately create / obtain a current list of known robo-signers:*

**Response R-3:** This recommendation requires further analysis. The District Attorney's Office will work with the Recorder's Office to create a list of suspected robo-signers as soon as practicable.